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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to parking permits for persons with mobility impairment; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to design and issue a sticker for use as a parking permit in lieu of a placard; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of
disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain
providers of transportation services to persons who have
disabilities.—

- (2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—
- (a) The disabled parking permit is a placard that can be placed in a motor vehicle so as to be visible from the front and rear of the vehicle or a sticker that can be affixed to a registration license plate, including special and specialty license plates, issued under this chapter.
- $\underline{1.}$ Each side of the placard must have the international symbol of accessibility in a contrasting color in the center so as to be visible. One side of the placard must display the

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applicant's driver's license number or state identification card number along with a warning that the applicant must have such identification at all times while using the parking permit. In those cases where the severity of the disability prevents a disabled person from physically visiting or being transported to a driver license or tax collector office to obtain a driver's license or identification card, a certifying physician may sign the exemption section of the department's parking permit application to exempt the disabled person from being issued a driver's license or identification card for the number to be displayed on the parking permit. A validation sticker must also be issued with each disabled parking permit, showing the month and year of expiration on each side of the placard. Validation stickers must be of the size specified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and must be affixed to the disabled parking permits. The disabled parking permits must use the same colors as license plate validations.

- 2. The department shall design a sticker displaying the international symbol of accessibility which shall be affixed to the upper left corner of a registration license plate issued under this chapter. The sticker may be issued in lieu of the placard under subparagraph 1. to persons with long-term mobility problems and shall be valid for the same parking and other privileges as a placard issued under this section.
- (e) To obtain a replacement for a disabled parking permit or parking permit decal that has been lost or stolen, a person

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must submit an application on a form prescribed by the department, provide a certificate of disability issued within the last 12 months pursuant to subsection (1), and pay a replacement fee in the amount of \$1, to be retained by the issuing agency. If the person submits with the application a police report documenting that the permit was stolen, there is no replacement fee.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

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